Elimination of Starvation and Malnutrition

1582. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while inaugurating the 88th Indian Science Congress, launched a science based crusade to eliminate starvation and malnutrition;

(b) if so, the details of the crusade indicating estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the targets fixed thereunder phase-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a)'While inaugurating the 88th Indian Science Congress Hon'ble Prime Minister stressed the need for taking adequate steps to eliminate poverty and malnutrition among women and children and there was no reference to launching of any science based crusade to eliminate starvation and malnutrition.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Profits and losses of PSUs

1583. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Central Public Sector Undertakings as on 31st December, 2000 alongwith their assets and liabilities; and

(b) the number of PSUs which made profit or loss during the year 2000 alongwith the details of profit / loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) As per Public enterprieses Survey 1999-2000, there are 232 operating PSUs as on 31.3.2000, the period till which the information is available. The details of their assets and liabilities is available in P.E. Survey 1999-2000, which was laid in Rajya Sabha on 27.2.2001 and is a published document.

(b) The details of profit or loss made by PSUs during the year 1999-2000 is given in Statement-?A & 7B of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1999-2000.